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SUBJECT: SOVIET PRESS SUMMARY - JULY 24-26

1. HIGHLIGHTS OF SOVIET PRESS JULY 24-26 1976:

-- DIRECT U.S. COVERAGE IS LIGHT, MARKED BY
WARNING AGAINST PREDICTION ELECTION RESULTS NOW;

-- MOST STRIKING FEATURE OF WEEKEND PRESS IS
HEAVY COVERAGE OF MILITARY TOPICS;

-- SOVIET NAVY DAY MATERIALS FEATURE JULY 25
FRONTPAGE PHOTO OF "ANTISUBMARINE CRUISER" KIEV,
LOOKING FOR ALL THE WORLD LIKE AN AIRCRAFT CARRIER, AND
HOLIDAY ARTICLES BY FLEET COMMANDER GORSHKOV (PRAVDA JULY
25), HIS DEPUTY N, SMIRNOV (KZ JULY 25) AND NAVY POLITRUK
V. GRISHANOV (IZVESTIYA JULY 24). GORSHKOV STRESSED
DEFENSE OF SOVIET FRONTIERS, WHILE NOTING THAT OTHERS
PUT OCEANS TO AGGRESSIVE USE; SMIRNOV HIGHLIGHTS ATOMIC
SUBS AS "PRIDE OF FLEET," CALIMS SOVIET SAILERS GREETED
ELEVATION OF "PROMINENT ORGANIZER OF SOVIET DEFENSE"
BREZHNEV TO MARSHAL'S RANK WITH "ENORMOUS JOY;" GRISHANOV,
LASHING OUT AT WESTERNERS WHO CLAIM USSR HAS NO RIGHT TO
WORLD OCEAN FLEET, TICKS OFF SOVIET PEACE INITIATIVES,
INCLUDING MDW AND "WITHDRAWAL" OF U.S. AND SOVIET NUCLEAR-
ARMED SHIPS FROM MED, OMITS INDIAN OCEAN;

-- ON OTHER NAVAL MATTERS, JULY 24 PRAVDA AND
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KZ CARRY TASS ANNOUNCEMENT THAT BARENTS SEA AREA CLOSED
TO SHIPPING FOR MISSILE FIRINGS JUNE 25 WILL REOPEN
BEGINNING JULY 25 "IN CONNECTION WITH SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION
OF THE INTENDED WORK;" KZ JULY 25 COMMENTATORS PUSTOV AND
VINOGRADOV QUOTE L' HUMANITE ALLEGATIONS THAT ANNOUNCED
FRENCH NAVAL BUILDUP IN MED IS A VERSION OF MERCY DOCTRINE
OF "BATTLE ON FORWARD POSITIONS;" AND PRAVDA INTERNATIONAL
REVIEW BY OLEG ORESTOV JULY 25 MAKES DEPLOYMENT OF PLUTON

ON GDR FRONTIER ("AGAINST SPIRIT OF HELSINKI PRINCIPLES OF
PEACE AND SECURITY IN EUROPE") FIRST ITEM OF BUSINESS:

-- ON DISARMAMENT TOPICS, MBFR 9TH ROUND WRAPUP
BY IZVESTIYA CORRESPONDENT PEREVOSHCHIKOV JULY 23 CLAIMS
TANK ARMY DEMANDED BY WEST IS "QUALITATIVELY
DIFFERENT REDUCTION" FROM 29,000 MEN AND NUCLEAR
REDUCTIONS OFFERED, SINCE LATTER INTENDED ONLY TO MODERNIZE
WESTERN NUCLEAR FORCE, AND WESTERNERS EXCEPT U.S. REFUSE
TO SPECIFY REDUCTIONS; PRAVDA JULY 24 ITEM ON WORLD DISARMA-
MENT CONFERENCE SPECIAL COMMITTEE CRITICIZES U.S. AND CHINA
FOR "STUBBORNLY AVOIDING CONCRETE CONSIDERATION" OF WDC;
AND SAME ISSUE CARRIES ONE-LINER ON LATEST FRENCH UNDER-
GROUND TESTS;

-- U.S.- JAPANESE DEFENSE SUBCOMMITTEE, AND ALLEGED
JAPANESE ROLE AS "MAIN AMERICAN ALLY" AND "KEY TO AMERICAN
MILITARY POSITION IN EAST ASIA," EVEN IN TIME OF PEACE,
CONTINUES TO TAKE HEAT IN PUSTOV-VINOGRADOV KZ JULY 25
COMMENTARY;

-- WEST EUROPEAN REPORTING CONCENTRATES ON
SCHMIDT ANNOUNCEMENT CONCERNING CREDITS TO ITALY, WITH
NASTY BUT PREDICTABLE GEORGIY RATIANI COMMENTARY ON "NEW
HOLY ALLIANCE" IN PRAVDA JULY 24 BACKED UP BY MILD PIECE
NEXT DAY BY PCI SECRETARY CERVETTI NOTING PARTY'S POLICY
IS BOTH INDEPENDENT AND INTERNATIONALIST, AND PROFOUNDLY
PRO-DETENTE" IZVESTIYA JULY 23 COMMENTARY ON SOVIET-FRG
RELATIONS BY A. GRIGORYANTS PAINTS MAJORITY FOR IMPROVEMENT,
BUT RISING PRESSURE OF SCARY RIGHTWING GROUPLETS BEGINNING
TO SHOW IN POSITIONS OF GOVERNING PARTIES; AND IZVESTIYA
POLITICAL OBSERVER BOVIN, IN CHARACTERISTICALLY LITERATE
POIECE JULY 23, SEES THREE POSSIBLE TENDENCIES IN
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WE SOCIO-POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS--FASCISM, FURTHER REFORMISM
WITHIN CAPITALIST SYSTEM, AND SOCIALISM--WITH SECOND MOST
LIKELY, THOUGH "WE COMMUNISTS" LIKE LAST BEST;

-- LIGHT EAST EUROPEAN COVERAGE FEATURES GIEREK'S
ARRIVAL JULY 24 "ON VACATION" IN USSR (WHERE HE JOINS HUSAK), AS
REPORTED PRAVDA JULY 25; IZVESTIYA JULY 23 ANNOUNCEMENT OF
SOVIET (KOVALEV)/EE DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER'S MEETING IN
SOFIA ON EUROPEAN SECURITY "IN LIGHT OF HELSINKI,"
CONDUCTED "IN SPIRIT OF UNITY OF VIEWS OF THE PARTICIPANTS;"
PRAVDA JULY 26 REPLAYS CEAUSESCU'S PORTUGUESE INTERVIEW
STRESSING IMPORTANCE OF CEMA FOR ROMANIA; AND PRAVDA JULY
24 REPORTS VISIT OF SCINTEIA EDITOR IONESCU AND MEETING
WITH CPSU IDEOLOGICAL SECRETARY ZIMYANIN;

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-- ON MIDDLE EAST, CENTRAL PRESS COVERAGE OF EVENTS IN LEBANON IS BACK TO NORMAL AFTER STRANGE HIATUS JULY 22-23. SLIGHT TREND IN COVERAGE EMPHASIZES ALLEGED WESTERN, AND SPECIFICALLY ISRAELI, FINANCIAL AND ARMS SUPPLY BACKING FOR RIGHTIST FORCES IN LEBANON. PRAVDA JULY 24 HAS SMALL PAGE 1 TASS ITEM ON PENTAGON'S PROPOSAL TO FUND \$276.2 MILLION FOR SAUDI ARABIAN PATROL BOATS IN PERSIAN GULF. PRAVDA AND KZ JULY 24, IZVESTIYA JULY 23, CARRY VERY BRIEF ITEM ON ASAD'S JULY 21 SPEECH WHICH CONCLUDES THAT ASAD "DEFLECTED ALLEGATION OF PRESENCE OF AMERICAN-SYRIAN DEAL WITH REGARD TO LEBANON." JULY 25 KZ CITES ARTICLE FROM AMMAN AL-DESTOUR ON EFFORTS OF ISRAELI REACTION TO ANNEX ARAB SECTION OF JERUSALEM. HAVING MENTIONED SUPPORT GIVEN THESE EFFORTS BY PRESENCE OF SOME EMBASSIES IN JERUSALEM, ARTICLE CONCLUDES THAT PLANS TO TRANSFER THE EMBASSIES OF SOME WESTERN STATES-- "IN PARTICULAR THE EMBASSY OF USA" -- TO JERUSALEM MET WITH ENTHUSIASM ON PART OF ISRAELI RULING CIRCLES. EGYPTIAN NATIONAL DAY WAS MARKED MORE BY ABSENCE OF COMMENT THAN PRESENCE. IN ATTENDANCE AT EGYPTIAN EMBASSY'S NATIONAL DAY RECEPTION (PER IZVESTIYA JULY 24) ONLY WERE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN COUNCIL OF MINISTERS, N.V. MARTYNOV AND CHAIRMAN OF COUNCIL OF UNION OF SUPREME SOVIET (AND CC CPSU MEMBER) A.P. SHITIKOV;

-- ON LATIN AMERICA COVERAGE IS HEAVY ON CUBAN NATIONAL DAY. PRAVDA JULY 26 FRONTPAGES LEADERSHIP'S CONGRATULATORY TELEGRAMS; PRAVDA JULY 26 AND KZ JULY 25 CARRY COMMENTARIES (BOTH FAIRLY LIGHT ON U.S.) WITH PRAVDA CORRESPONDENT G. ZAFESOV, WORKING IN "PROLETARIAN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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INTERNATIONALISM" OF CUBAN FOREIGN POLICY AND CUBAN MEMBERSHIP IN BROTHERLY SOCIALIST COMMUNITY, AS PROTECTION

FROM HOSTILE INTRIGUES; M. ZUBATKIN IN JULY 25 KZ GOES FURTHER AND MENTIONS SOVIET UNION'S ALL-AROUND SUPPORT TO CUBAN IN "MATTER OF STRENGTHENING DEFENSIVE CAPABILITIES OF COUNTRY AND DEVELOPMENT OF ITS ECONOMY." PRAVDA JULY 25 HAS ARTICLE BY K. PETROV LINKING RECENT U.S.-CHILEAN-BRAZILIAN NAVAL MANEUVER IN CARIBBEAN WITH "SYSTEMATIC CAMPAIGN" BY REACTIONARY FORCES AGAINST GOVERNMENTS OF GUYANA, JAMAICA, AND "OTHER SOVEREIGN STATES OF CARIBBEAN REGION." PRAVDA JULY 24 "COMMENTATOR'S COLUMN" BY VADIM LISTOV DESCRIBES "COMPLICATED AND CONTRADICTIONARY" SITUATION IN PERU AND DISCUSSES POPULAR SUPPORT FOR EMERGENCY MEASURES OF PERUVIAN GOVERNMENT IN FACE OF INTRIGUE BY IMPERIALIST CIRCLES AND LOCAL REACTION;

-- KZ JULY 25 REPORTS RETURN OF DEPUTY MINDEF SOKOLOV FROM MALI, WITHOUT COMMENTARY;

-- ON SOUTH ASIA, IZVESTIYA JULY 24 HAS SHORT LYRIC PIECE ON INDO-PAK NORMALIZATION WHICH CALLS FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF SIMLA "TO FULL EXTENT AND AS FAST AS POSSIBLE" IN INTEREST OF NORMALIZATION OF SOUTH ASIA AND WHOLE CONTINENT: CPI PARLIAMENTARY FACTION LEADER GUPTA, IN INTERVIEW WITH PRAVDA CORRESPONDENT JULY 24, ALSO FAVORS INDO-PAK NORMALIZATION, COMPLAINS THAT WEST IS TRYING TO SPLIT NON-ALIGNED FROM NATURAL FRIENDS (USSR AND OTHER "SOCIALIST" COUNTRIES); AND PRAVDA JULY 25 COMMENTARY BY MASLENNIKOV IS FAVORABLE ON BHUTTO'S NATIONALIZATION OF FOOD INDUSTRY;

-- ON FAR EAST, PRAVDA JULY 26 REPORTS DPRK'S "DECISIVE REJECTION" OF SECRETARY'S FOUR-POWER CONFERENCE PROPOSAL, WITHOUT COMMENT; AND CHINA COMMENTARY BY "TASS OBSERVER" A. PETROV RUN IN PRAVDA AND IZVESTIYA JULY 24 SAYS RECENT CHINESE HISTORY IS "ONE COUP D'ETAT AFTER ANOTHER," AND THAT THIS PROCESS CONTINUES: MAIN THEME IS CADRE PURGING.

2. EXTREMELY LIGHT U.S. COVERAGE INCLUDES PRAVDA JULY 24 CARTOON ON UNIFICATION OF RFE AND RL, ON SEAT LABELLED LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CIA AND UNDER ROOF COMPOSED OF DOLLARS, BUT FEATURES PRAVDA INTERNATIONAL REVIEW COMMENTARY BY OLEG ORESTOV JULY 25; HE CITES U.S. PRESS TO EFFECT THAT FORD WILL PROBABLY WIN REPUBLICAN NOMINATION, THAT DEMOCRATS HAVE ADVANTAGE NOW, BUT THAT NO POLITICAL CONTEST SHOULD BE DECIDED UNTIL THE VOTES ARE IN (SIC).
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